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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Bureau of Land Management** 

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Notice of Termination of the Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement, Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Termination.

**SUMMARY**: The preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment for the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM) is superseded by a Monument Plan Revision and therefore is no longer required. The process is hereby terminated.

**DATES:** Termination of the EIS process for a Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan Amendment takes effect immediately.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental

Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

announced its intent to prepare an EIS. The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal

Register on November 4, 2013. The Plan Amendment would have considered modifying

land use decisions associated with livestock grazing within the GSENM and portions of

the Kanab Field Office, Arizona Strip Field Office, as well as lands managed by the

National Park Service in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area where GSENM

administers grazing.

In 2013, the BLM determined that planning level decisions associated with livestock

grazing may need to be modified and initiated a Plan Amendment effort. On December

4, 2017, Presidential Proclamation 9682 modified the boundaries of the GSENM. As a

result of the boundary modification, the BLM has initiated a full Resource Management

Plan (RMP) revision for the BLM-administered lands that were previously part of this

analysis. The RMP revision will include consideration of livestock grazing in its

planning-level decisions. The NOI for the RMP Revision was published on January 16,

2018.

The amendment for livestock grazing is no longer necessary and the BLM hereby

terminates preparation of the Livestock Grazing Monument Management Plan

Amendment and associated EIS.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10

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